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REMARKS

Claims 13-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not being appropriately directed to statutory subject matter. Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1 – 12. Reconsideration of the rejections is solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 remain pending in the present application.

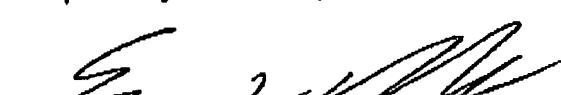
Claim 13 has been amended to correct the issues noted in the Office communication, and further explained in a telephonic conversation held by the undersigned with the Examiner regarding the section 101 rejection. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 13, as well as the claims that depend from claim 13, be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's efforts and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned attorney if there are any outstanding items that may be resolved via telephone conference.

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